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## Editorial Comments.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Bride No. 13 in 1913, bride No. 14 in 1914. Wait and see.

A man named Rye wants to be governor of Tennessee and live in the Rock city.

Daniel O'Connell, the oldest Elk, died in Owosso, Mich., the other day, aged 109 years.

Senators Brock, Marshall, Salmon and Overstreet were not in at the finish of the state-wide resolution.

Let us not be too hard on Governor McCreary for not calling an extra session. He knows his crowd.

All the tears shed in Kentucky yesterday over the adjournment of the Legislature would not moisten a postage stamp.

With Miss Jessie and Miss Eleanor off the carpet, attention will once more be directed to those rumors about Miss Margaret.

One of the Texas Rangers who ventured across the river at Laredo, Texas, was captured by Mexicans and given a stay-away notice.

Another husband killer has been cleared in Chicago, making two in a week and fourteen in three years. This time it was Mrs. Van Keurer, who thought John was a burglar.

The commission form of government bill passed in the House 60 to 3 and was immediately concurred in by the Senate, after some objectionable changes had been stricken out.

Prof. De Courtenay, a distinguished member of the faculty of the University of St. Petersburg, has been sentenced to prison for two years for writing a pamphlet advocating federalism.

Declining to heed the suggestion of President Wilson, the Independent (Prohibition) Democratic State Committee of Tennessee called conventions for State officers, and endorsed Gov. B. W. Hooper, Republican.

The advocates of good roads won a signal victory in the Senate by the passage of the McDyer-Bosworth bill, providing for a five-cent tax levy to aid counties in the construction of public roads and making effective the State aid amendment.

E. L. Brown, who sued the city of Clarksville because his mule became frightened at a steam roller and threw him, lost his case in the Court of Appeals. Mr. Brown should have taken a course in broncho busting before riding a country mule to town.

Gen. Alvarez has insulted Gov. Colquitt, of Texas. He not only refused to return the horses stolen by Mexican soldiers from the murdered Vergara, but advised the Governor to have the state of Texas employ some competent adviser to advise him that his demand should go through proper diplomatic channels.

John W. Landrum, Past Grand Master of the Kentucky Grand Lodge of Masons, died Sunday and was buried at Mayfield Tuesday. He was 63 years old and had long been one of the leading men in Western Kentucky. He was President of the Mayfield Water Co. He had the distinction of being one of the handsomest men in Kentucky and had friends all over the State.

The United States customs office and postoffice at Tecate were burned Saturday and the postmaster, Frank V. Johnston, was shot dead and another man wounded by three Mexican bandits. Johnston refused to give the combination to his safe. A charred American flag was found in the ruins of Johnston's store, which also was the customs office and the postoffice. A posse started at daybreak in pursuit of the bandits. Bitter feeling along the border, caused by the tragedy, was intensified Sunday when a newspaper photographer on the American side was

## SENATE KILLS STATE-WIDE

Webb Bill Dies In Committee During The Closing Hours Tuesday.

### NEW RAILROAD RATE LAW.

As Amended It Is Pronounced a "Farce" By Several Senators.

Frankfort, Ky., March 18.—By a vote of 18 to 15 the senate gave the death blow to the state-wide prohibition bill after Senator W. A. Frost, of Wingo, had moved that the bill be taken from the hands of the rules committee and placed upon its passage. Senator Moore moved that the Frost resolution be tabled and his motion carried by the vote named.

The passage of the tax amendment, which was approved by the voters last November, the defeat of the amendment providing for working of convicts on the public roads and the defeat of the Marshall bill to appropriate \$50,000 for a state exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition were outstanding features of the last day's sessions in the house.

The revenue and taxation bill was killed by the senate at 9 o'clock last night. The vote was 21 to 13. Governor McCreary when informed of the senate's action by the press correspondent said he would not call an extra session of the legislature to enact just tax laws.

"Both house and senate members have had ample time to consider the measure. My heart was set upon its passage but I will not call the members back at an expense to the state daily of \$10 each. If they have been derelict in duty let them answer to their constituents."

The 2½ cent railroad bill, amended until it is merely a "farce," according to several witnesses, passed the senate at 9:45 o'clock last night by a vote of 29 to 6. As passed by the house, roads earning less than \$4,000 were exempted. This amendment was offered by Senator Huffaker.

At 11 o'clock the excitement started in the house. Representative Webb, leader of the prohibition forces, sought to prevent the house reconsidering its vote on the convict labor amendment.

"Do not vote for such an amendment," he shouted, "or you kill irrevocably all chance for passage by the whisky-soaked senate of the state-wide prohibition bill." His colleagues were unheeding. They reconsidered their vote and reversed themselves on the proposition of convict labor on the state's highways.

Majority Leader Hamilton heatedly replied to a Louisville editor who called the legislators "a herd of wild asses."

The "Red Light" and "Boxing" Bills failed to be called out and put upon their passage. The 2½ cent Railroad Fare Bill lost out in conference.

The bill of Senator Marshall providing for the oiling of streets in third class cities, passed the House by vote of 60 to 4.

The anti-pass bill was defeated in the Senate 19 to 14. The Finn railroad bill was lost 21 to 11.

### MISS AGNES FLACK

Operated Upon Yesterday Morning For Appendicitis.

Miss Agnes Flack was taken to the Hopkinsville Infirmary yesterday morning and underwent an operation for appendicitis. She stood the operation well and her condition is very favorable.

Forty-six three-year-olds have been entered for the Kentucky Derby at

## GLENN'S SIDE OF IT

Author of The Drastic Insurance Law Makes A Statement.

"I feel that the time has come for me to give to the people of Kentucky my explanation of what I believe is the true insurance situation in this State. It has been reported in the daily press that something like sixty companies have withdrawn from the State. There have been only four that have withdrawn, and they are small companies; the others have only suspended. There is a wide difference between the word suspension and the word withdrawal. When a company withdraws it loses all of its agency force all over the State and cancels its licenses to do business, and if it should want to come back in the State the Insurance Commissioner could have it examined at a great deal of expense to it, and it would be forced to pay \$3 for each agent's license; but to suspend costs it nothing. Why are these companies suspending? This law does not go into effect for three months, and there is nothing in the new law, as amended, that should interfere with any insurance company doing a legitimate business. The board has no more right to cut rates under the new law than under the old. The features of the new law are a commission to investigate the fire insurance conditions of this state and codify the present insurance laws, and this commission the insurance companies say they want; a hydraulic and electrical engineer, whose duty it will be to work in the cities and towns and advise with the City Council in regard to installation of water works and electric light plants (the insurance companies also asked for this provision); and three inspectors whose duties it will be to go over the State and educate the people how to remedy the defects in their buildings.

### KENTUCKY FIRE WASTE.

"The insurance companies state, when you ask them the question why the insurance rate is higher in Kentucky than in other States, that the fire waste in Kentucky is over \$1,000,000, and I agree with them, and it is the purpose of this bill only to do away with this fire waste, and I believe that a representative of the State can and will do this. The insurance people claim that they are paying \$25,000 a year to accomplish this and it has no effect. We only ask for \$17,000 to do this same work. The fire insurance loss in the last forty three years in the United States averaged 58 per cent; in Kentucky 56 per cent. The average insurance rate in the United States was \$1.06; the average rate in Kentucky was \$1.34. Under the above figures our rate in Kentucky should be \$1.02. The policy holder paid to the insurance companies last year in premiums \$5,390,000 and the companies paid out in fire losses \$3,000,000; adding to that the cost of their agency forces, taxes and Actuarial Bureau expenses would leave them a net profit of about 19 per cent. The board has been trying to work with the insurance companies for two years, and I am sure will do nothing that would work an injury upon any insurance company, but rather will work with them to the end that this fire waste may be done away with, the people will be benefited and the insurance companies will not be injured.

### Governor Stands Pat.

Gov. McCreary told 300 business men of Louisville who appealed to him in person at Frankfort that he would not call an extra session of the legislature to repeal the Greene-Glenn insurance law amendment. He declared he had polled the legislature, and not a man had been willing to change his vote. At the meeting at the Capitol building the Louisville men pointed out the dire effects of the law, and were reproached by the Governor for not protesting earlier, and were told by Ruby Laffoon, head of the State Insurance Rating Board, to appeal to the companies to stay in

## CHILD LABOR BILL IS PASSED

No Newsboys Or Workers In Streets Under 14 Years Of Age.

### TUNIS LABOR LAW PASSED.

Required to Be 21 Years Old To Do Night Messenger Service.

Frankfort, Ky., March 18.—The drastic Tunis Child Labor Bill, providing that in first, second and third-class cities "no person under 21 years of age shall be employed as messenger for any telegraph, telephone or messenger company in the distribution, transmission or delivery of goods or messages before 6 o'clock in the morning or after 9 o'clock in the evening," passed the House Monday by the vote of 71 to 13. The measure had previously passed the Senate. Section 15 of the bill provides that "no boy under 14 years of age, nor girl under 18, shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any time in city of the first, second or third-class in or in connection with the street occupations of peddling, bootblacking, the distribution or sale of newspapers, magazines, periodicals or circulars, nor in any other occupation pursued in any street or public place."

William Duffy, of Louisville; Stanley F. Reed, of Mason, and others spoke for the bill. Among those who opposed it were Representatives Polin, of Washington county, and Humphrey, of Fleming. The latter referred to late Gov. Goebel, who used to sell newspapers on the streets of Covington, and argued that his youthful employment made a man of him.

Representative Polin asked what the boy would do now who sells newspapers on the streets to support a widowed mother, perhaps, and a little sister. He said he thought the measure a vicious one.

William Duffy said the purpose of the bill was to save the boy and declared that some of the best women of Louisville were back of the measure.

Representative Reed said the bill had been drafted at the instance of the Kentucky Child Labor Association.

Those who voted against the bill were: Representatives Boitnott, Cox, Douglas, H. C. Duffy, Farriss, Gum, Henry, Kelly, Pumphrey, Radcliffe, Ray, Shawler and Stott.

The bill of Senator W. F. Welch, of Estill county, to prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors, passed the House by a vote of 63 to 7.

## WILL MEET IN LOUISVILLE

Farmers and Business Men of South to Hold Conference for Education.

The program for the conference of farmers and business men which will meet in Louisville, Ky., April 7, 8, 9 and 10 has been a matter of great care and attention on the part of the officers. They have felt that the day for the convention when papers and discussions were the main part of the program had passed and something of a more definite nature must be introduced. The program, which is gradually being developed, shows conclusively that they have gotten something new and something which should get results.

Each afternoon of the four days of the conference will be used for papers and discussions of the ordi-

## BECKHAM'S CAMPAIGN

For Senator Is Opened With a Reply To Stanley's Charges.

Elizabethtown, Ky., March 18.—Former Governor J. C. W. Beckham today opened his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, addressing a gathering that filled the courthouse.

Mr. Beckham denied the charges of Congressman Stanley relating to his attitude toward the railroads, stating that the bills of which Mr. Stanley complains were enacted ten and twelve years ago by almost unanimous vote of the Legislature, and that no attempt has ever been made to repeal the legislation which aroused the ire of the Second District Congressman. He also said that he did not receive "a large salary," as charged by the Congressman, but that his fees from his service as an attorney for the railroads altogether were about \$800 a year.

Mr. Beckham proceeded to say that the railroad issue raised by Stanley was a false one, intended to disguise the real issue, which was Stanley's own attitude on the liquor question. He said that while Stanley had been advertising himself as the fearless foe of the trusts, that he was really the tool of the greatest trust of them all—the Liquor Trust of Kentucky. Referring to the Tobacco Trust, he said that Stanley had never rendered the grower any greater relief than by making inflammatory speeches, whereas that while he (Beckham) was Governor he assisted in every way within his power to aid the growers.

## SEVERAL GET TERMS

Circuit Court Is Busy Disposing Of County Bastile Boarders.

Circuit court has been busy on jail cases all this week.

Joe Rice, col., Hill House negro, fined \$50 and costs.

Sarah McKnight, col., for cutting Wm. Schust, a white man at Eighth and Virginia streets, on December 6th, was given 1 to 5 years.

Maxey Woosley, reduced to cutting in sudden heat and passion, fined \$50 and costs.

Will Sivells, charged with stealing a steer from Fox Holloway, was given 1 to 5 years.

Rosa Belle Moore, col., for shooting another negro woman at Gracey, was adjudged guilty of a felony and will get sentence.

Calvin Neely, charged with stealing electrical goods from an L. & N. car was tried yesterday and adjudged guilty. He will get 1 to 5 years.

Lawrence Bryant, shooting with intent to kill was continued.

Case against Hattie Ely, robbery, hung jury last term, was filed away. Albert Huff and Robt. Waller, grand larceny, were tried and found guilty. Huff got 1 to 5 years and Waller three months in jail.

The case of Tom Dawson, col., charged with rape was on trial at adjournment.

### Treated Like a Man.

Glasgow, Scotland, March, 18.—Dr. James Devon, prison commissioner for Scotland, when attacked today by an irate militant suffragette armed with a dog whip, took the law in his own hands and knocked his assailant down with a well-aimed left-hand blow.

rural problems that confront the south, but the entire morning of each of these days will be kept for demonstration work. It is indeed fortunate that Louisville has an armory with a floor space of two acres, so that all of the demonstrations of co-operative movements in rural life

## NEW ROAD SUPERVISOR

Herbert Dillman Succeeds Ernest Coleman, Who Resigned.

### ELECTRIC FRANCHISE SOLD.

Kentucky Public Service Co. The Only Bidder For Franchise Offered.

The Fiscal Court held a session Tuesday to ratify the sale of a county electric franchise, which was sold to the Kentucky Public Service Co. for \$114, the cost of advertising. There was only one bidder. No rates are specified in the franchise for service for light or power to individual users along these lines as the company does not contemplate at this time taking up this character of business. A clause in the franchise provides that if they do decide to go after this patronage that rates are then to be established, subject to the approval of the fiscal court.

E. W. Coleman resigned as Road Supervisor, to take effect at once. Judge Knight appointed J. Herbert Dillman, of Casky, to fill the position and appointment was confirmed by a vote of 5 to 3. Mr. Dillman is a prominent citizen and a good business man. He has already taken the required examination and will qualify in a day or two.

The court decided to purchase a set of standard weights and measures and County Attorney Ira D. Smith was appointed to make the purchase. There are already rigid statutes against short weight and the city has an ordinance to the same effect. A petition was presented recommending H. M. Bolinger for inspector of weights and measures. Further action was deferred.

The court took steps to locate quarries convenient to the pikes in accordance with the assurances from farmers that they would haul and spread the rock, if the county would furnish and crush it. It is proposed to crush and pile the stone in convenient places and the citizens will repair the pikes in their own neighborhoods. While this is being done on pike roads, the farmers on dirt roads will be using the split-log drags and a great deal of public money will thus be saved. Esquires Morris and Hamby were named as a committee to make a final settlement with Miss Jennie West, former County Superintendent of Schools.

## MINE HOST METCALFE

Avalon Proprietor Serves Luncheon To Doctors And Others.

Mr. Thos. L. Metcalfe was the host of the Medical Society and some other guests at the Avalon Tuesday at noon.

Capt. S. A. Cherry, of the I. C. Railroad, and Col. L. W. Gaines, of Trenton, were the out-of-town guests. Mr. Metcalfe "Set 'em up" to a substantial feast of good things to eat, the table being decorated with flowers. The meal was prepared by Mrs. T. L. Metcalfe, Mrs. J. J. Metcalfe and Miss Fannie Pronough.

### Adjudged Insane.

Walter Cravens, a young farmer, was adjudged of unsound mind and sent to the Western State Hospital